

New York, 3^d Dec^r/51.

My dear Mary -

My letter to your Missus will explain that altho' I cannot visit you, just now, I hope to do so very shortly, & I am looking forward to quarrelling with you over the Back-Jackman table, & on all other occasions, with great satisfaction. I only hope I may not be too weak & lame for the occasions, as they arise.

Now this is what I have to ask of you - It has occurred to me that you may feel desirous of sending some plants to the B. & S. Lottery, who may have added to your Herk. & if so - my Dup.^s, one & all, are at your Service. Shall I bring them on? Of course, they are a miscellaneous lot, but there are several hundreds of them, & some

very good plants amongst them.
Many of them Hales's L. specimens.
"I pause for a reply." We are
all very well, & I, with much,
& unchanged, regard am "your
poor servant ever" - E.

Yours if you

If there is any thing else you
wish me to bring from hence,
please to signify your high behests,
& they shall be attended to.
Mashallah! On my head be it!